

Black Bear Lake of 224 acres on Prince of Wales Island lies at an elevation of 1650 ft. between Klawak Lake and the head of Karta River. The surrounding drainage area is 1395 acres and alpine and the lake water is quite clear. There is a spectacular falls in the outlet that is a barrier to fish. The lake is mostly steep sided with bedrock making up nearly all of the sides and bottom. The water has less than 15 ppm of calcium hardness and the pH is near 6.5. The lake was planted in 1956 with eyed steelhead eggs. A fair rainbow population has resulted.

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The lake was netted for 6 net days and 13 fish were taken. These ranged from 6 to 16 inches long. The three larger ones ( $13\frac{1}{2}$  - 16 in.) were 5 years old and showed 2 spawning checks on the scales. The smaller fish had 2 annuli. There is a cabin on the lake for sportsman use which has encouraged hunters and fishermen. Fish landings have not been gross but some large rainbows have been taken. The lake answers well to a combination hunting and fishing trip.